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DETECTION

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Examiner: Gail Kaplan
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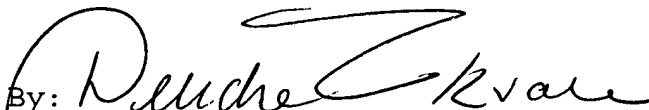
Submitted herewith is our check in the amount of \$1,700.00 as payment of the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee in the above-identified application, along with the Issue Fee Transmittal, Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Amendment Under 37 C.F.R § 1.312 (a), Letter to Official Draftsperson and Interview Summary .

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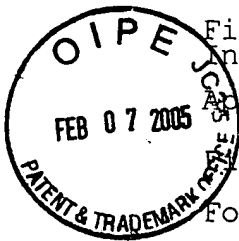
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons of patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Claims 7, 9, 12, 13, 18 and 21 are allowed as set forth on page 1 of the Notice of Allowability. However, in the last line of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, claims 7-8 and 12-13 are cited as allowed. Claim 8 was previously cancelled so it is believed that the last line in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should read "claims 7, 9 and 12-13 are allowed as indicated previously".

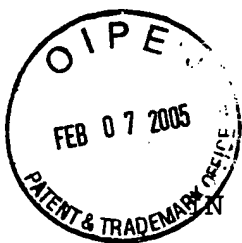
Correction is respectfully requested.

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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Enclosed are **four** (4) sheets of formal drawings for
filing in the above-identified application.

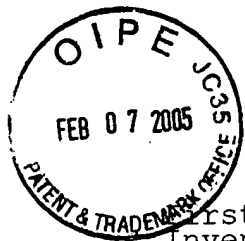
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

On January 30, 2004 and October 5, 2004, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney discussed patentability of the pending claims with respect to the Boutaghou (U.S. Patent No. 5,808,184). In the context of the interview, Yuri (U.S. Patent No. 5,177,860) was also mentioned. No resolution was reached.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

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